IV.—OBJECTIONABLE WORDS.

Sri V. K. KRISHNAMOORTHI : Sir, I want to make a humble submission. Day before yesterday when the Deputy Speaker was in the Chair, there was a discussion on ceiling on land and the hon. Member Sri M. Karunanithi uttered certain words which were pointed out to you this morning, and which challenge the chastity, morality and honesty of womanhood and I am of the pinion that this sort of statement has affected the respect, prestige and honour of the House. Therefore, I request you to order the expunction of those words from the Official Proceedings.

Mr. SPEAKER : The hon. Member Mr. Krishnamurthi brought this matter to my notice this morning. Not only he, but certain lady Members of this House also represented to me that those words were objectionable. I have gone through the Proceedings very carefully and the words are certainly objectionable. However, it is a matter of the past. The Hon. Deputy Speaker was then in the Chair. He has also agreed with what I am going to say now.

I request the hon. Members not to use undesirable language in this House. I make this appeal to the Ministerial Benches, Government Benches and the Opposition Benches without any difference whatsoever. We should all keep the debate in this House at a very, very high level. The public of Madras and the public of this State are watching us. Therefore, we should set an example as to how we should conduct ourselves in this House. This House is called the " சட்ட மன்றம் " (Satta Manran). If we speak and do things here which are against the ' சட்டம் ' (Sattam), then the name itself does not seem to be proper. I shall therefore once again appeal to all Members that they may use moderation in language and keep the debate in this House at a very high level. I do not propose to take further action in this matter. The Hon. Deputy Speaker is in agreement with all that I have said. I shall not allow any further discussion on this matter and will stop with this appeal to all Members of this House.

Sri K. VINAYAKAM : Sir, what about expunging those words?

Mr. SPEAKER : I have already given my ruling on the matter.

Sri K. VINAYAKAM : But, it is silent on the point . . .

Mr. SPEAKER : Now, let us take up the next item in the Agenda.

V.—FIRST SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT OF DEMANDS FOR GRANTS FOR FURTHER EXPENDITURE FOR 1958-59.

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I rise to present the First Supplementary Statement of Demands for Grants for the current year and the detailed estimates thereof. Copies of the Statement of Demands and the Estimates have been laid on the table of the House.

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As explained in the Introductory Memorandum, the present Supplementary Statement relates mainly to 'New Service' Schemes sanctioned in the course of the year. Advances amounting to Rs. 46·80 lakhs were sanctioned from the Contingency Fund to meet the expenditure on thirty of these schemes. It is proposed through these Supplementary Estimates to obtain legislative approval for these schemes and recoup the Contingency Fund.

The present Supplementary Grant is for Rs. 61·41 lakhs on the Revenue Account; Rs. 124·7 lakhs under Capital Account and Rs. 9·2 lakhs under Loan Account, making a total of Rs. 195 lakhs roundly in all.

Out of Rs. 61·41 lakhs on the Revenue Account, a sum of Rs. 10 lakhs roundly is asked for to cover chiefly the costs of the Survey Party sanctioned by the Government in the transferred areas of the Kanyakumari district and also for the resurvey of the taluks of Bhavani, Gobichettipalayam, Erode and Dharapuram of Coimbatore district. Under the Grant "XV—Education", I invite your attention to the Schemes being implemented for the sanction of financial assistance to the new Polytechnics started by private institutions at Thalaiyuthu, Virudunagar, Tanjore, Salem, Chettinad and Pollachi. Under Health, provision to the extent of Rs. 16·69 lakhs has also been made towards the introduction of the Malaria Eradication Programme for which a sum of Rs. 9·57 lakhs is recoverable from the Government of India.

The Agricultural College and Research Institute, Coimbatore, have been strengthened so as to provide for the increased strength of 162 students in each of the three years of the B.Sc. (Agriculture) Degree Course. A Regional Post-Graduate Training Centre has also been established at the Agricultural College, Coimbatore.

A provision of Rs. 6 lakhs roundly is asked for under the Grant "XXI—Industries and Cinchona" manly—(1) for the starting of the third shift in the Government Mineral Concern, Manavalakurichi, (2) for the establishment of six Sales-*cum*-Procurement Depots for marketing the handicrafts products in the State and (3) for the introduction of Extensive Khadi Scheme in the 11 newly launched National Extension Service Blocks.

Turning to Capital and other expenditure outside the Revenue Account, a provision of Rs. 46·79 lakhs is asked for under the Grant "XXXIII—Compensation to Zamindars" towards the re-opening of the Personal Deposit Accounts of the Chairman, Estates Abolition Tribunals, Madurai and Vellore, which were closed towards the end of last year in pursuance of a revision of accounting procedure. I may point out that this does not represent any actual additional expenditure. What was taken out of the account on its closure on 31st March 1958 was put back into it in the current financial year. I may add that since then, we have revised our accounting procedure so as to obviate the need for this closure and opening of such statutory Personal Deposit Accounts.

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With these words, Sir, I commend the Supplementary Estimates for the acceptance of this House.

* Sri S. M. ANNAMALAI : **On a point of order, Sir,** ஸப்ளிமெண்டரி பட்ஜெட்டை நிதி அமைச்சர் அவர்கள்தானே தாக்கல் செய்ய வேண்டும். இதர அமைச்சர்களும் தாக்கல் செய்யல்லாமா ?

Mr. SPEAKER : I would like to inform the hon. Member, Mr. Annamalai that in su-bclause (*d*) of rule 2 of our Rules, ' Finance Minister ' is defined as the Minister in charge of Finance or any other Minister to whom he may delegate his functions for the purpose of the Rules. He has delegated his powers to the Hon. Minister for Home and he is entitled to do it.

VI.—STATEMENT OF DEMANDS FOR GRANTS FOR EXCESS EXPENDITURE IN 1955–56.

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, I rise to present the statement of Demands for grants for excess expenditure in the year 1955–56. The appropriations originally provided for in the Budget Estimates do not, in the nature of things, tally entirely with the actuals. Excesses under some grants are inevitable. The total of the excesses in expenditure now sought to be covered by Legislative approval is Rs. 273 lakhs roundly against a total final appropriation of Rs. 14,696 lakhs. The explanatory note appended to the statement of demands gives the reasons for the excesses in each case. The Public Accounts Committee constituted for the year 1957–58 at its meetings held during the course of the year examined the reasons for the excesses and have recommended in their Report published in April 1958 that demands for grants to cover the excess expenditure over the final sanctioned appropriation under each grant might be presented to the Legislative Assembly.

Sir, I commend for the acceptance of the House the statement of Demands for grants for excess expenditure in the year 1955–56.

VII.—GOVERNMENT BILLS.

(1) THE MADRAS BETTING TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1958

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, I move—

"that leave be granted for the introduction of the Madras Betting Tax (Amendment) Bill[a], 1958."

Mr. SPEAKER : The question is—

"that leave be granted for the introduction of the Madras Betting Tax (Amendment) Bill[a], 1958."

The motion was put and carried.

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : I introduce the Madras Betting Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1958.

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